

J-1/F-1 Social Security Card Application Flow Chart

J-1 or F-1 Non-Immigrant Submits a Social Security Card Application with all required documentation 10 days* or more after initially entering the US.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) official verifies immigration status in the Department of Homeland Security's SAVE* VIS* database (not SEVIS)

If the alien's immigration documents are verified in VIS, the Social Security Application may be processed without further inquiry.

If SSA cannot verify an alien's immigration information in VIS, SSA must request verification of status from DHS's LOSISV Unit*

LOISISV queries SEVIS after receiving the SSA request* (queries will occur within 5 days after LOSISV receives the SSA request). The applicant must be registered or validated in SEVIS at the time LOSISV queries SEVIS.

If LOSISV is able to verify applicants registered/validated status in SEVIS, it will notify SSA which will then process the application for the SS Card.

If LOSISV is unable to verify the applicant's registered/validated status in SEVIS, it will notify SSA and SSA must delete the SS application from the system

Student/Scholar will request that DSO/RO register/validate their record in SEVIS. After the SEVIS record is updated, the scholar/student must submit their SS card application to SSA again. SSA will then submit a verification request to LOSISV

***10 Days:** Non-immigrants must wait at least 10 days after entering the US before submitting a SS Card application. Applications submitted earlier may be accepted but they will be placed on hold and not processed until at least 10 days have passed.

* **SAVE:** *The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements* verification service.

* **VIS:** Verification Information System This is the SAVE database and is accessible by benefit-granting agencies (such as SSA). VIS is populated by the NIIS database, the system into which DHS enters immigration information collected at the time the alien is admitted to the United States.

* **LOISISV:** New DHS office, the Los Angeles Immigration Status Verification unit in California.

***SSA LOSISV Query Request:** Only SSA can submit a request to LOSISV utilizing Form G-845